

Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates

Oct. 15	Unit 2 math test
Oct. 18-22	Conferences
Oct. 18-22	Scholastic Book Fair
Oct. 29	Bowling Field Trip

Dear Families,

Conferences are next week. If you haven't done so already, please contact your child's homeroom teacher (preferably by e-mail) listing your **top 3 preferred times**. You can view the available conference times on the 5th Grade Wiki (www.holmes5thgrade.wikispaces.com). We will make every effort to schedule your conference during one of your preferred times. We will send home confirmation slips as well as a short pre-conference questionnaire. Please take time to complete the questionnaire so that we may address all of your questions/concerns thoroughly in our limited amount of time together.

Midterm progress reports will be sent home this week **for students who are not meeting standards**. If you receive a progress report, please sign and return it to your child's teacher.

On previous newsletters it stated that we had a BRAVO walking field trip; however, we were informed last week that it will not be on October 22nd and will be rescheduled.

SPECIALS

Music

Last week we worked on a recorder part to go along with the song "Wake me up when September ends". The recorder music and audio is on the music website. Go to <http://sites.google.com/a/op97.org/holmes-music/home/rec> and download the "Wake me up" power point presentation. Then view it as a slide show so you can click on the link to hear the audio clip while reading the music.

Chorus

Each member needs to fill out the online survey, telling me if you are available or not for our two concerts (October 30th and November 13th). Please go to <http://spreadsheets.google.com/a/op97.org/viewform?formkey=dEd2ZzM1cUthdTh2cTByQnZWbmlTbEE6MQ> to fill out the survey. If you do not have access to the internet please send a note to Mrs. Karia confirming your availability.

Spanish

Check out the Spanish blog for the fifth grade's current story. Students can receive 10 extra credit points for reading it to someone! <http://mpoleski.blogspot.com/p/quintofifth.html>

Visit the **Holmes Digital Backpack**
For School and District Forms
<http://www.op97.org/holmes/digitalbackpack/>



Reading/Literature

Our focus this week is on character traits and motivation. We will read Sacagawea's Journey in class on Monday and complete a graphic organizer focusing on Sacajawea traits.

During workshop students will review summarizing as well as practice differentiating between homophones.

To differentiate instruction, I will show all students how to go to the Lexile website, look up book titles which fall under

their lexile range and create their own personal book lists. The site is <http://www.lexile.com/fab/> if you'd like to visit it. Students will need to find a novel from their book list either at the Holmes library or the Oak Park Public Library and bring it to class with them on Monday, October 18th.

Math

Graded quizzes taken last Friday were returned to students today. Our unit test will be this Friday. We will review in class on Thursday and students will have a review sheet from which to study. The test will cover addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers and decimals. Although we have covered various Everyday Math computation algorithms (e.g. partial sums addition, lattice multiplication) in class, students may use any computation method on the test. Students should also refer the the SRB or the 5th grade wiki for explanations of the computation algorithms.

Science

This week in science we will continue to talk about water pollution

Social Studies

Last week, students began work on individual research projects on explorers. We spent three days in the library collecting information from printed materials and on the Internet. We also spent one day reviewing the proper way to categorize main ideas and supporting details when writing a paper. This week, we will continue with two days in the library and some students will begin the writing process. If you feel your student is having trouble with the project, please feel free to contact me.

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